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SUBJECT: BACKUP INFORMATION ON SWEDISH GSP SCHEME

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1. INFORMATION PROVIDED REF B IS CORRECT, EXCEPT 47 RATHER THAN 46 ITEMS ARE INCLUDED WITHIN BTN 1-24.
2. MEETING WITH MAGNUS NORDBACK OF TRADE AREA OPERATED JOINTLY BY MINISTRIES OF TRADE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS WELL AS COMPLETE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF SWEDEN GSP. MATERIAL WILL BE POUCHED TO EB/OT/TA.
3. TRADE COVERAGE (1974 FIGURES), TOTAL SWEDISH IMPORTS FROM 100 COUNTRIES (AND TERRITORIES) ELIGIBLE FOR SWEDISH GSP UPON UNCLASSIFIED

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APPLICATION AMOUNTED TO SKR 8.03 BILLION. SIXTY-TWO COUNTRIES HAVE APPLIED AND BEEN ACCEPTED AS BENEFICIARIES OF SWEDISH SCHEME; VALUE OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM 62 COUNTRIES WAS SKR 5.4 BILLION, OF WHICH 9 PERCENT OR SKR 508 MILLION WERE

DUTY-FREE IMPORTS UNDER PREFERENCE SYSTEM. SKR 508 MILLION
EUALLED 0.7 PERCENT OF TOTAL SWEDISH IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
AND 6.3 PERCENT OF TOTAL SWEDISH IMPORTS FROM THE 100 ELIGIBLE
COUNTRIES. (NOTE: OF THE GOODS WORTH SKR 4.9 BILLION NOT FALL-
ING WITHIN GSP, WHICH SWEDEN IMPORTED FROM THE 62 COUNTRIES,
GOODS WORTH SKR 3.6 BILLION WERE DUTY-FREE QUITE APART FROM GSP.
NORDBACK SPECULATED THAT FAILURE OF 32 ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES TO
APPLY FOR GSP WAS DUE TO FACT THAT PRACTICALLY ALL THEIR EXPORTS
WERE ALREADY DUTY-FREE UPON ENTERING SWEDEN. DUTIABLE GOODS
FROM NIGERIA WERE WORTH ONLY SKR 2000, FOR EXAMPLE.)

4. PROVISIONS GOVERNING SWEDISH GSP CONTAIN ESCAPE CLAUSE
BUT DO NOT PROVIDE SPECIAL MECHANISM FOR REMOVING PRODUCTS FROM
GSP. NORDBACK SAID SWEDEN COULD RESTORE THE DUTY OR LIMIT
IMPORTS, IF NECESSARY. SWEDEN HAS NOT YET HAD OCCASION TO
WITHDRAW ANY ITEM FROM GSP.

5. PRODUCT COVERAGE. SWEDISH SYSTEM INCLUDES ALMOST ALL SEMI-
MANUFACTURED AND MANUFACTURED GOODS. OUTER AND UNDER GARMENTS,
INCLUDING KNITTED AND CROCHETED, ARE EXCLUDED IN ADDITION TO
ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 2, REF B.

6. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS INCLUDED WITHIN CHAPTERS 1-24 BTN
ARE 04.06; EX 05.03 HORSEHAIR, OTHER THAN UNWORKED; EX 07.01
GARLIC (JULY 1-FEBRUARY 29); EX 07.03 OLIVES AND CAPERS;
EX 07.04 GARLIC; EX 07.06 JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE;
EX 08.04 FRESH GRAPES (JULY 1-OCTOBER 31); EX 08.06 QUINCE
(JULY 16-DECEMBER 31); EX 08.07 PEACHES (JULY 1-OCTOBER 15);
EX 08.09 HONEYDEW MELONS AND OTHER MELONS (JUNE 16-SEPTEMBER 30)
1.09; EX 13.03 PECTIC SUBSTANCES, PECTINATES AND PECTATES;
EX 15.07 ALL DUTIABLE COMMODITIES; EX 15.08 LINSEED OIL, TUNG
OIL, CITRIC ACID OIL AND CASTOR OIL; EX 15.10 FATTY ALCOHOLS;
15.12; 15.13; EX 17.04 SUGAR CONFECTIONERY NOT CONTAINING
COCOA, EXCLUDING FONDANTS, PASTES, CREAMS AND SIMILAR INTERMEDI-
ATE PRODUCTS, IN BULK FORM; 18.03; 18.04; 18.05; EX 18.06 BLOCK
CHOCOLATE, SLAB CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE BONBONS AND OTHER CHOCOLATE-
COATED PRODUCTS READY FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION; 19.05; EX 19.08
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BISQUITS AND WAFERS; EX 20.01 OLIVES, CAPERS AND FRUIT; EX 20.02
OLIVES, TOMATOES, CAPERS AND RED AND GREEN SWEET PEPPERS; 20.04;
EX 20.06 ALL DUTIABLE COMMODITIES; EX 20.07 PINEAPPLE JUICE,
CITRUS FRUIT JUICE; 21.03; 21.04; EX 21.05 SOUPS AND BROTHS, IN
LIQUID, SOLID OR POWDER FORM; EX 21.06 INACTIVE NATURAL YEASTS
AND PREPARED BAKING POWDERS; EX 21.07 CONFECTIONERY NOT
FALLING WITHIN ANY OTHER HEADINGS; 22.03; 22.04; 22.05; 22.06;
22.07; EX 22.08 ETHYLALCOHOL (ETHANOL) OR NEUTRAL SPIRITS,
UNDENATURED, OF A STRENGTH OF 80 PROOF OR HIGHER, DUTIABLE;
22.09; 22.10; EX 24.01 CIGARS, CIGARETTES, TOBACCO.

7. RAW MATERIAL PRODUCTS EXCLUDED FROM SWEDISH GSP ARE ONLY
CERTAIN ALBUMINOUS SUBSTANCES AND GLUES (EX 35.02 AND 35.05),

CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS CONTAINING STARCH
(EX 38.12, 38.19) AND MODIFIED STARCHES (EX 39.06).
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